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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Yoshihiro Kanada and Hisayuki Yazawa for Thin-Film Magnetic Head Having Magnetic Gap Formed of NiP.

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